



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Date: June 13, 2016 – Business Meeting
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Chairman Stevens, Vice Chair C. Woodbury, Clerk Hicks, Members Pepe and G. Woodbury. Administrator Gaudette was on vacation.

At 6:04 p.m. Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Workshop of May 16, 2016, and Business Meeting and Executive Session of May 23, 2016

A motion to approve the Workshop of May 16, 2016 and Business Meeting of May 23, 2016 as amended (Hicks/G. Woodbury) passed 5/0.

Mr. Stevens will speak with Mr. Gaudette about amending the Executive Session of May 23, 2016.

Citizen Input

Bob Cirba of 23 Summit Street made the following comments:

- He is dismayed by heroin abuse in Spencer and questioned what the Board is doing in response. Mr. Pepe said the Board plans have a discussion on drug use in Town.
- He is disturbed by the large number of people moving out of Spencer and said the population is at an all time low.
- He is concerned about Bruce Desroisier's property value being increased by \$400,000 and feels this business is being harassed by the Town.

Mr. Stevens explained that Citizen Input is not the forum for this. There is a process for the assessing property and it needs to be followed. The Board is responsible for policy setting and does not to take up individual issues of this nature.

Mr. Hicks spoke with Mr. Desroisier and is very concerned about this issue and intends to pursue it. In terms of the population decreasing, he suggested holding exit interviews with people selling their homes to determine the reason.

Communications:

None

New Business:

6:00 PM - Public Hearing Class II Auto Dealer's License Application of Gerardo Cifuentes d/b/a Fernanda's Auto Sales, 17 Main Street

Mr. Stevens opened the hearing at 6:21 pm. Mr. G. Woodbury recused himself.

Mr. Cifuentes explained his plan is to have an Internet Class II Auto Sales business and will have an office in his home. He will not have cars for sale onsite and has a contract with a repair shop in Worcester, if needed.

Mr. Stevens noted that Building Inspector Bill Klansek approved the zoning use and signed off on permission to park one car inside his garage.

Mr. Hicks questioned the ability to test drive the vehicles with an Internet-only License. Mr. C. Woodbury said that absolutely no storage is allowed with this type of license, even inside a garage.

After some discussion, the Board determined that clarification is needed from Mr. Klansek. The hearing will be continued until June 20, 2016 at 6 pm.

Discussion: New SEBRSD members Martha Berthiaume & Jason Monette

The Board welcomed new members of the SEBRSD committee Martha Berthiaume & Jason Monette.

Ms. Berthiaume informed the Board that she will work to improve communication between the School and the Town and will work to keep the Board updated.

Mr. Monette said his goal is to bring the community together to work as a team.

Mr. C. Woodbury mentioned that the Little League Parade is no longer allowed at the School due to insurance requirements. Mr. Monette said they will work to allow the community to use these facilities as taxpayers.

Mr. Pepe asked about refining the existing Education Plan presented by Superintendent Crowe last year and assigning costs to the items put forth.

Mr. Hicks suggested researching the feasibility of providing vocational type of programs that are not available at Bay Path.

Old Business:

None

Town Administrator's Report:

None

Board Liaison Reports

Chairman Stevens reported that the Board will move forward with the new 2017 Liaison Assignments as drafted and suggested members contact the committees they are assigned.

Citizen Input

None

Board Member and Staff Comments

Mr. Pepe reported that a meeting with the Police Chief will be scheduled to discuss the opioid crisis.

Board members will work on the Town Hall lawn on Saturday.

Mr. G. Woodbury thanked Tony Toscano for the use of his truck to install banners on Main St.

Mr. Hicks offered his thanks to Father Jim Hoey for serving the Town for 20 years and noted his good work with the food pantry.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant

Referenced Materials